**CGHS beneficiaries in Karnataka**

2549. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government employees and their families including retired employees who are availing the medical facilities under Central Government Health Scheme in Karnataka;

(b) the number of private hospitals/nursing homes, so far, recognized by Government for the purposes of availing medical facilities by the Central Government employees in Karnataka;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that medicines are not sufficiently available in CGHS dispensaries in Karnataka; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to ensure proper drug supply to these dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Bangalore is the only city in Karnataka where CGHS dispensaries are functioning. The details of the number of CGHS cards and beneficiaries in Bangalore is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) So far 36 private hospitals and 15 diagnostic centres in Bangalore have been recognised under CGHS to enable CGHS beneficiaries (both serving and retired) avail medical facilities in them.

(c) and (d) It is true that through the Medical Stores Organisation of the Dte. GHS, it has not been possible to procure medicine for the CGHS dispensaries due to non-finalisation of the drug formulary/rate contract. However, the CGHS beneficiaries were not put to hardship since any drug prescribed by the Government Specialists, not available in the dispensary, is issued to the beneficiary after procuring the same from the Authorised Local Chemist on the basis of the individual prescription of the beneficiary.

It may be mentioned that some commonly indented medicines as well as some Generic medicines have been supplied to the

CGHS dispensaries through Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC) which is a Government of India Undertaking.

***Statement***

*Number of CGHS beneficiaries in Bangalore*

| No. of Government Servants/ Pensioners (card holders) | | | | Beneficiaries | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Govt. Servants | Pensio-ners | Others (Ex-MPs/ Freedom Fighters | Total | Govt. Servants | Pensio-ners | Others (Ex-MPs/ Freedom Fighters | Total |
| 56790 | 8838 | 450 | 66078 | 232694 | 23502 | 968 | 257174 |

**Setting up of Export Zones for medicinal plants**

2550. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Medicinal Plants Board in its second meeting has recommended setting up of export zones for specified medicinal plants;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to set up export promotion zones;

(c) how many zones have been contemplated to encourage the export; and

(d) the details of medicinal plants recommended by the Board?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Medicinal Plants Boards were requested to take steps to set up such zones in their States.

(c) During last financial year one export promotion zone has been notified on Medicinal and Aromatic plants covering five districts in the State of Uttaranchal.

(d) The recommended species are Atees, Isabgol, Senna, Mulethi, Ashwagandha, Safed Musali and Henna etc., which have International market.